

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

Thank you to all who have sent in items for our piñata and special snack items! The children loved the Rudolph Salad and I will attach the recipe for you to make at home.

We will not be having a classroom party for the holidays. The kindergarten classes plan special activities and we rotate to each kindergarten room for our holiday celebration.

It was great to see so many of you at the book fair/pancake supper family night. I hope you purchased lots of great books and ate lots of yummy pancakes.

Language Arts:

It was all about reindeers and the letter "r" this week. We made a book about reindeers. Please remember to practice pointing to the words when you are reading with your children. We continue to practice writing daily. Our focus areas for writing have been to write all of the sounds we hear for each word, putting spaces between the words, and starting on the left side of the paper. Pointing out spaces and where the words start in books when reading with your children is a great way to reinforce this practice for writing.

Math:

There were lots of fun activities in math this week. We practiced counting backwards from 10 to 0 by making a rocket. Acting like reindeer and counting by multiples of 2 was another great activity. To reinforce this concept, we made a book that helped us practice counting by 2; ask your child to tell you how many antlers 1 reindeer has, 2 reindeer have, 3 reindeer have etc. My favorite math activity this week was making the nutcrackers with various shapes. The parts of the nutcrackers were various shapes and as we made him, we discussed the shape and how we knew it was that shape. To add some writing to our math, we wrote a story about our nutcrackers; they are wonderful stories! We also discussed symmetry and halves with Christmas trees. We folded a tree in half then decorated one half and finally traded with a friend and they had to make the other half look the same as the 1st half.

Other Activities:

In center time, we played a snowman game, worked with play dough, and colored a rainbow "R".

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Upcoming Events:

- December 21 - Early Dismissal @ 1:00
- January 3- Welcome back!

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

Homework:

Please choose a skill to practice with your child nightly. Practice recognizing letters by sight and sound. If your child already knows all of their letters and letter sounds, then step it up a notch and spell 3-letter words together (orally or with pencil and paper).

Next Week:

We will continue learning about various holiday traditions from other countries and begin learning about the letter "c".

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

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questions and concerns:
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